THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): Government has laid Route Disposal Guidelines with a view to achieve better regulation of air transport services taking into account the need for air transport services of different regions of the country. It is, however, upto the airlines to provide air services to specific places depending upon the demand and commercial viability subject to compliance of Route Dispersal Guidelines issued by Government.

Arrest of touts at Delhi Airport

1661. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a conflicting claims by CISF and Delhi Police in regard to arrest of touts active at the Delhi Airports;

(b) whether the performance of CISF has been reviewed since it took over the security of airports all over the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) With the induction of CISF at Delhi Airport, the coordination procedures between CISF and Delhi Police with regard to maintenance of law and order in the vicinity of airport were required to be worked out. In the recent meeting held between Delhi Police and CISF at IGI Airport, the procedure has been evolved. It was decided that touts, if any, detected by CISF personnel at the airport would be handed over to the unit of the Delhi Police located at Delhi Airport, for taking necessary legal action.

(b) to (d) The performance of CISF is reviewed through a system of periodic inspections, dummy enercises and surprise checks by officers of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). Lapses, if any, noticed are immediately brought to the notice of CISF for corrective action.

Airport at Kanyakumari

1662. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider setting up of state-of-the-art airport in Kanyakumari to boost tourism;